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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4 and 5 as follows:

- --3. [AMENDED] A labelling composition as claimed in claim 1 [or claim
- 2], wherein the random mixture is of 6-mer oligonucleotides.--